SOUSHI SOUAI
Chapter 13: Moderate Distance
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WAKA-MATSU-KUN, YOU KNOW--
WAKA-MATSU-KUN
WAKA-MATSU-KUN!
YOU SEE
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I FEEL LIKE THE NUMBER OF THINGS WE UNDER-STAND ABOUT EACH OTHER INCREASED
I see.
And then
RECENTLY, WAKAMATSU-KUN REACTS TO ME

HE DROPS BY OUR CLASSROOM MORE OFTEN THESE DAYS.
GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE HAPPY.
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YOU DON'T HAVE FIGHTS?
EHEHE I'M ALSO A LITTLE SURPRISED.
TO THINK THAT YOU'RE REALLY DATING.
AH
WAKABA-CHAN
Hey, hey
EVEN IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU HATE ABOUT EACH OTHER, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'LL TOLERATE IT.
BE FRANK IF YOU HATE SOMETHING, OKAY?
WE DON'T.
I DON'T THINK YOU WILL.
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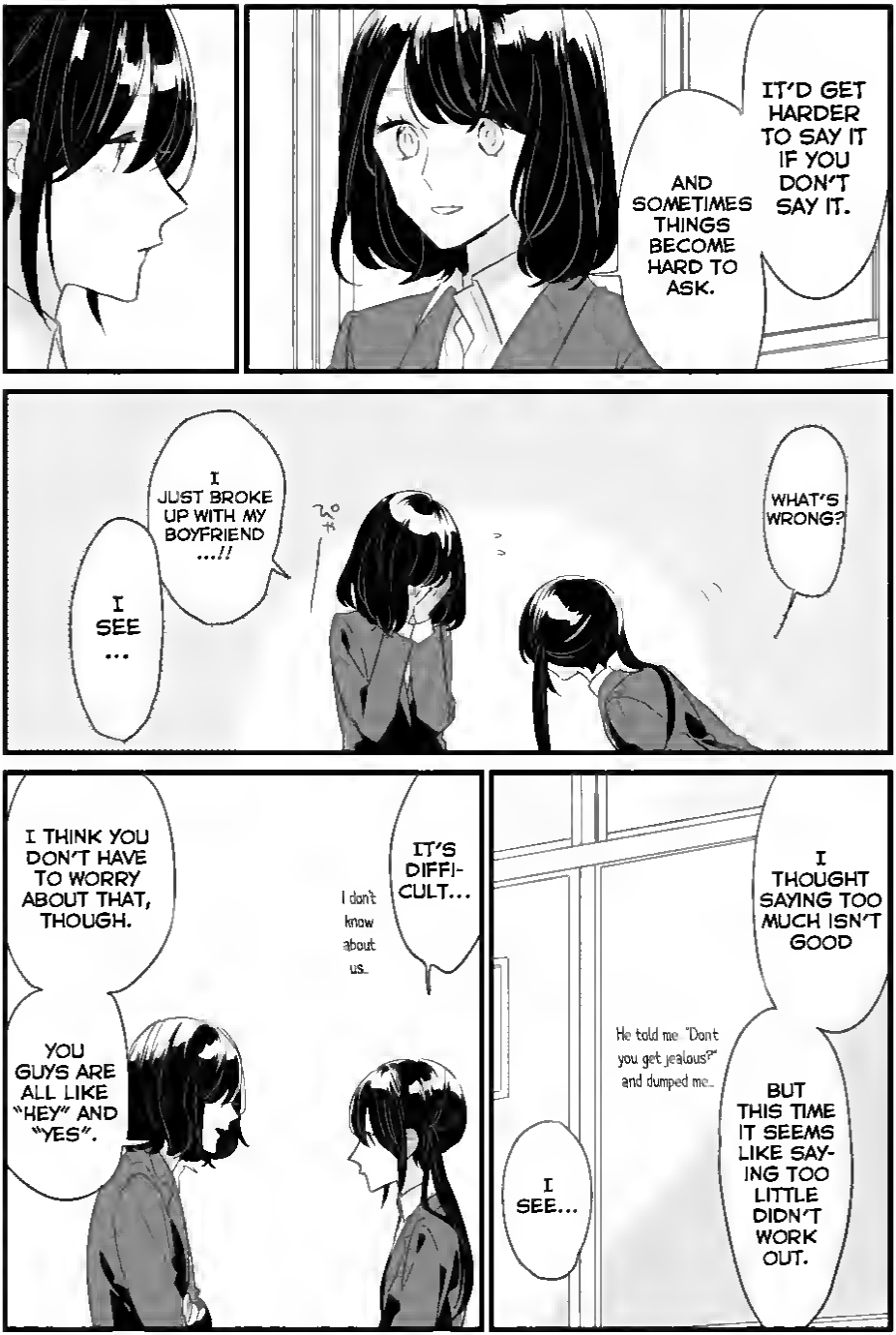
YOU THINK?


IT'D GET HARDER TO SAY IT IF YOU DON'T SAY IT.
AND SOMETIMES THINGS BECOME HARD TO ASK.
WHAT'S WRONG?
I JUST BROKE UP WITH MY BOYFRIEND ...!!
I SEE ...
IT'S DIFFI-CULT...
I don't know about us..
I THINK YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, THOUGH.
YOU GUYS ARE ALL LIKE "HEY" AND "YES".
I THOUGHT SAYING TOO MUCH ISN'T GOOD
He told me "Don't you get jealous?" and dumped me..
BUT THIS TIME IT SEEMS LIKE SAY-ING TOO LITTLE DIDN'T WORK OUT.
I SEE...

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UWA THAT CAN'T BE.
RECENTLY, I CAN TELL WHAT HE'S SAYING BY JUST LOOKING AT HIS FACE.
OH, BUT...
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
OH, THEY'RE CALLING ME.
Wakaba
I ALSO NEED TO BE INTIMATE ENOUGH THAT I CAN AT LEAST READ THE MOOD.
MAYBE THAT'S THE SECRET TO HAPPINESS.
YEAH, SEE YOU.
LET'S CATCH UP AGAIN.
BYE, MEGUMI.

...I SEE.
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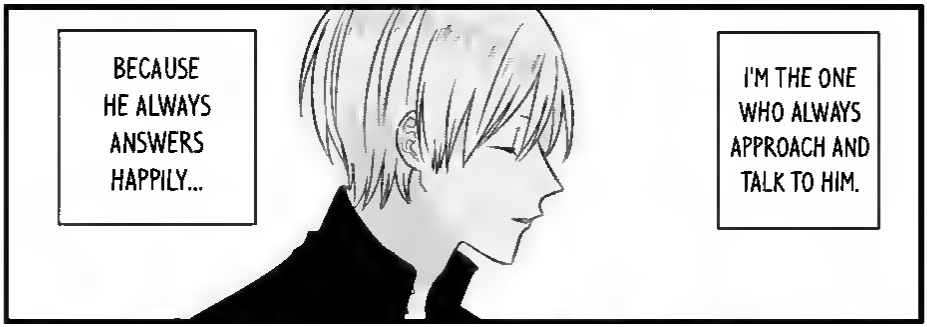
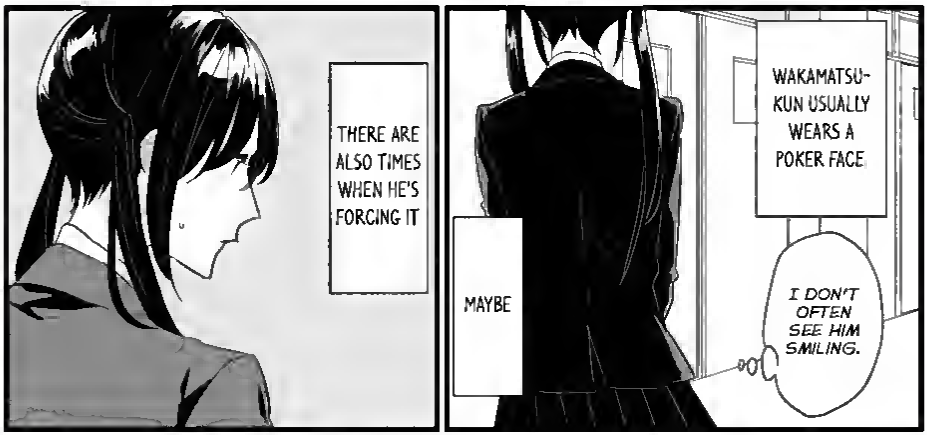

BECAUSE HE ALWAYS ANSWERS HAPPILY...
I'M THE ONE WHO ALWAYS APPROACH AND TALK TO HIM.


THERE ARE ALSO TIMES WHEN HE'S FORCING IT
MAYBE
WAKAMATSU-KUN USUALLY WEARS A POKER FACE
I DON'T OFTEN SEE HIM SMILING.

THEY DO SAY MODERATE DISTANCE IS JUST RIGHT...

SHUT UP. MY SKIN FEELS COLD.
So funny
My throat will die
WHY ARE YOU WEARING A FLASHY SHIRT TODAY?
MEGUMI DIDN'T APPROA -CH ME AND TALK TO ME.
THAT'S WHAT YOU'D THINK, RIGHT?
MUST BE YOUR IMAGINA-TION.
'CAUSE CLASSES AREN'T FINISHED YET.
NOT A CHANCE
RIGHT
MAYBE SHE JUST DIDN'T NOTICE YOU.
THAT MEGUMI ?
Oh
Sorry
HEY, I'M SURE UP UNTIL NOW WAS AMAZING.
UP UNTIL NOW SHE'D WAVE HER HAND EVERY TIME SHE SEES ME.
"Oh, Wakamatsu-kun!" she'd say Then she'll approach me with her super cute face
BUT THIS TIME SHE IGNORED ME.

BUT WEREN'T YOU TOGETHER THIS MORNING?
Can I take a sip?
Yeah
YOU DRANK STRAWBERRY MILK TOGETHER.
YOU WEREN'T WITH US THIS MORNING. HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?

THIS IS REALLY NO GOOD. WHAT DID SHE HATE ABOUT ME?
IS IT MY FACE?
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE ASIDE FROM YOUR FACE?

YOU'RE LOVEY-DOVEY THAT JUST BECAUSE OF SOME DISTANCE YOU START MISSING HER..
DELICATE MUCH!?
DON'T FUCK WITH ME!
DON'T FUCK WITH ME!
We were behind you, idiot!
Wahaha

IF IT WERE ME, I'D GO ON THE OFFENSIVE.
BUT IT'S HARD TO ASK. AND IT'S SCARY.

WELL, I GUESS IT'S WORRISOME THAT SHE STOPPED TALKING TO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN.
AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHY, TOO.
Even though you've gotten close

YOU FRANKLY SAY YOU HATE WHAT HATE.
AND MEGUMI-CHAN IS ALSO LIKE THAT.
WHAT DO I DO? IF SHE THINKS I'M ANNOYING
Or if she thinks, "As if I care about someone like you."
EHH THAT CAN'T BE.
THAT'D MAKE IT HARDER TO ASK.
...LIKE, YOUR BREATH STINKS.
HMM...
MAYBE SHE FINDS IT HARD TO SAY SOMETIMES.
I DON'T SMOKE ANYMORE.
NICOTINE GUYS GATHER HERE SO IT STINKS.
WHAT? YOUR BREATHE STINKS, SOUSHI?
SHOO! GO AWAY!
I can't stand that.
IT'S ONLY AN EXAMPLE!

HUUH?
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY DISSATIS-FACTION ABOUT MEGUMI-CHAN?
CONVER-SELY
YOU DON'T GET TIRED OF MEGUMI-CHAN.
BUT I THINK THAT'S JUST RIGHT FOR YOU.
I DON'T. I ALSO LIKE THOSE.
SO YOU'RE PUSHING THROUGH WITH LOVE
WAIT FOR HER WITH OPEN ARMS.
I BET SHE'LL FLY INTO YOUR ARMS.
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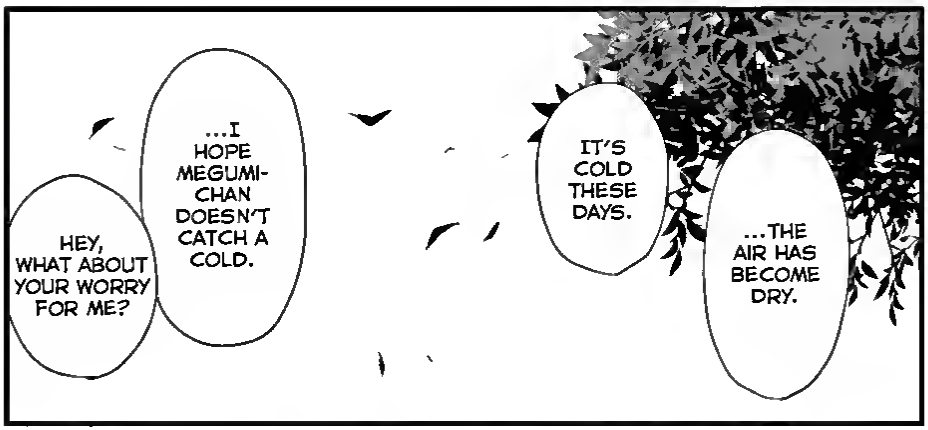
YEAH...
I GUESS I'LL WAIT UNTIL SHE APPROACH-ES ME.


...THE AIR HAS BECOME DRY.
IT'S COLD THESE DAYS.
...I HOPE MEGUMI-CHAN DOESN'T CATCH A COLD.
HEY, WHAT ABOUT YOUR WORRY FOR ME?

WHAT DO I DO NOW?
I TRIED NOT TO APPROACH HIM
BUT NOW HE DOESN'T APPROACH ME EITHER!!

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About to cry
EHHH THIS WASN'T...
THIS WAS NOT WHAT I EXPECTED.
DID HE NOTICE THAT I STOPPED APPROACHING HIM?
I SEE.
WHAT OO I OO?
I WONDER IF HE HATES ME NOW?
WHAT OO I DO? WHAT OO I OO?
DID THE MODERATE DISTANCE I INTENDED
ACCIDENTALY BECAME A HUGE GAP?

I HAVE TO GIVE A LOT OF THOUGHT
AFTER HEARING WAKAMATSU-KUN'S FEELINGS.
BUT
I WON'T KNOW IF I DON'T ASK HIM.
...YOU SURE?
Really?
...I'M GONNA CRY.
DON'T APPROACH HER EITHER, YOU HEAR ME? AND DON'T SAY ANYTHING.
...I DON'T MIND.
YOU DON'T?
WHAT IF SHE APPROACHES?
...IT'S FINE.
COME ON, LET'S GO.
'KAY, 'KAY.

WAKA-MATSU-KUN
BUT
SINCE THEN
EVEN IF I TALK TO HIM
SORRY.
MY--
YOU SEE ...
HE IMMEDIATELY KEEPS A DISTANCE.

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME ②

an extra chapter.
Next is
have a part there.
We don't